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Honorable Sir:

In response to the Examiner's letter of October 30, 2001,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 1 to read as follows:

1(amended). An acetabular cup assembly for receiving a proximal end of a femoral component of a prosthetic hip implant, the femoral component including a head member and a neck member depending from the head member in a distal direction, the acetabular cup assembly having an external shell member with an internal cavity, and an internal bearing member for securement within the cavity to receive the head member of the femoral component for rotational movement within the bearing member, the internal bearing member being selected from a plurality of bearing members having different characteristics, including different securement characteristics, such that the acetabular cup assembly selectively is provided with characteristics corresponding to the characteristics of the selected internal bearing member, the acetabular cup assembly comprising:

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